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SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do you mean by "in principle"?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Well, I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Either they do or they don't.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Then, yes, they do agree on the ideas, on the concepts that are in this amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me be more specific so your answer can be more specific. Have all of the major players that you were referring to when you used that term, and I'm not going to ask you who they are, have they agreed on the language that was just adopted by the body?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: You mean every "jit" (sic--jot) and...or every "toddle" (sic--tittle), every...every exact? No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did they jot every "I"...did they dot every "I" and jot every "tittle"?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Jot and tittle, that's what I...no, they did not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then there's not universal agreement on this actual language.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: On the concept, not the language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, there...I believe in freedom, justice and equality and everybody on the floor would say that, but in practice I don't get it. I don't really get that. Here's what Warren Buffett said; that he called it the "Noah Principle". It doesn't do enough to predict the flood coming. You have to build an ark. You have to do something to counteract the flood. So, in principle, maybe you have a good idea. We're talking about constructing the ark now. Have all of the parties agreed that this ark which you have constructed, which is to take them safely through the choppy waters of legislative debate, agreed that the ark is constructed in a way that they approve of and they support it?